

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Arthur ZWINGENBERGER et al.      Art Unit:      2152

Application No.: 10/576,238      Examiner:      McAdams, Brad

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For:      SYSTEM FOR MANAGEMENT OF PROCESSED INSTRUMENTS

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This responds to the office action dated December 18, 2009 and includes a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114.

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